IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CONCERNING THE

2006 RENEWAL AND CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT (CE) FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN-PARAMEDICS

CERTIFIED BETWEEN TO 2/1/04-1/31/05

CERTIFICATION RENEWAL

Certificates expire on January 31, 2006 unless renewed. In order to renew, emergency medical technician-paramedics (EMT-P) must meet the continuing education (CE) requirements.

RANDOM AUDIT

In order to determine whether the CE requirement has been met, the Board conducts a random audit.

As a result, EMT-Ps do <u>NOT</u> need to submit documentation of CE <u>unless they are being audited</u>. Those who are being audited will receive a memo in October 2005. Because they are expected to submit CE documentation with their renewal, they will not be able to renew online.

CE REQUIREMENT

The CE requirement may be met by having a **<u>current certificate</u>** from the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT).

Those who do <u>not have a current NREMT certificate</u>, will need to meet **half** of the CE requirement as contained in section 16-85-55(b)(2) as they were **certified in Hawaii between 2/1/04-1/31/05**. (Only half of the CE is required for this initial renewal. Beginning with the 2008 renewal and thereafter, the entire CE will be required.)

SECTION 16-85-55(b)(2)

Section 16-85-55(b)(2) requires EMT-Ps to:

- Complete 48 hours of paramedic refresher training, which shall include advanced cardiac life support (ACLS) certification or training determined to be equivalent by the medical director;
- Be currently certified in CPR; and
- Complete 24 hours of additional CE in any of the following:
 - Standards and policies of the emergency medical services system;
 - Human systems and detailed patient assessment;
 - Respiratory emergencies;

- Cardiovascular emergencies;
- Neurological emergencies;
- > Musculoskeletal emergencies;
- Obstetrical and gynecological emergencies;
- > Neonatal and pediatric emergencies;
- Medical emergencies;
- Trauma;
- Shock and fluid therapy;
- > Behavioral disorders;
- > Extrication and rescue techniques;
- > Communication with base station and physicians; and
- > Pharmacology.

CE is to be obtained between 2/1/04 - 1/31/06.